

Environmental Education Providers in Sussex

This list outlines many of the organisations offering environmental education opportunities in Sussex. Please contact the organisations for further information about the services they can provide for your school.

Brighton and Hove Council, Cityparks Rangers run over one hundred public events each year there are opportunities for all members of the public to explore and learn about the wonderful green and open spaces in Brighton and Hove. For Further information please visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/rangers or email cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call cityparks on 01273 292929.

Brighton Permaculture Trust offers environmental events and courses, including eco building (CPD certified), permaculture training, fruit tree cultivation, care and grafting, scything; family events include Apple Day. Full details and contact information can be found on the website www.brightonpermaculture.org.uk

Chichester Harbour Conservancy education service run programmes on habitats, coasts, rivers, coastal management, coastal defences, tourism, saltmarshes, sand dunes, history (Roman to WWII) and art, for KS1-5, including GCSE, A-level and BTEch. There is a classroom and IT facilities available, solar boat and minibus. Contact Gary James 01243 789173 education@conservancy.co.uk, www.conservancy.co.uk/learn

Drusillas Park offers a variety of topics including animal encounters, habitats and adaptations, rainforests, minibeasts, conservation and Maasai life from pre-school to post-16. Facilities include a zoo, play areas, train and classrooms. Contact James Woodward 01323 874117 james.woodward@drusillas.co.uk, <http://www.drusillas.co.uk>

Forestry Commission provides programmes at Bedgebury for young people from pre-school to KS3. These are largely environmental and particularly tree-based and can be full or half day. Environmentally themed team building sessions, courses for older students and CPD days are available on request. Self-led visits are available for both environmental studies and a comprehensive range of recreational activities. Contact the Education Team 01580 213045, <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury>

High Weald AONB Unit runs an education programme *High Weald Heroes* to enable primary schools in the High Weald to explore, take care of, find out about, be proud of and enjoy their unique local landscape. A wide-ranging "pick and mix" package of activities is on offer, including themed assemblies, workshops and field trips. Contact – High Weald AONB Unit 01580 879500, info@highweald.org, www.highweald.org/learn/education.html

Kew at Wakehurst offers a wide range of topics covering the plant part of the curriculum, habitats, ecology, conservation. Other subject areas include geography and art. Day and half day assisted visits are tailored to suit your needs and planned in detail

with a Wakehurst teacher. Levels from Foundation to KS5. There are extensive grounds with meadow, woodland and wetland areas, indoor space including a lab, a field study centre and the Millennium Seed Bank. Contact schoolswp@kew.org for more information or visit <http://www.kew.org/learn/index.htm> for details of all courses.

Natural England delivers education and events at Kingley Vale National Nature Reserve near Chichester for all age groups-mainly 5-16 year olds. Topics include food chains, healthy living, senses and habitats with activities tailored for the group. Visits can be linked with a wildlife-friendly farm and advice to create wildlife-friendly school grounds. For further information contact Nicky Fish 07824 836366 nicky.fish@naturalengland.org.uk

Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve offers science and ecology, geography (coast and rivers), history, environmental art, business and tourism, conservation for all Key Stages and abilities. There is a heated classroom, discovery area, free coach and car parking, disabled toilet, easy access trail, free teachers pre-visit, shop, bird hides, picnic area, risk assessments and teaching resources. For further information contact Debbie Barnes, 01243 641508 debbiebarnes@live.co.uk www.westsussex.gov.uk/paghamharbour

Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare offers activities on animals and us, life cycles, interdependence, habitats, biodiversity, literacy and numeracy. Activities are available for KS1-5 and a classroom, children's garden and yurt are available, as well as 40 acres of farm land, lakes and ponds, and wheelchair accessible facilities. For further information contact Lucy Owen, Education Manager 01825 880461, www.raystede.org

River Ocean Foundation topics include science, coastal geography, intertidal zone, strandline, sea mammals and sharks. Seashore sessions can take place on local beaches or as outreach where we can, bring living creatures into the classroom - ideal for schools who are unable to visit the beach. Sessions available for KS1-4. Contact Stephen Savage 01273 424339 stevep.savage@ntlworld.com <http://www.riverocean.org.uk/>

RSPB runs Living Classrooms, a field training scheme with a range of programmes available. For further information visit the website <http://www.rspb.org.uk/>

RSPCA Mallydams Wood in Fairlight near Hastings has opportunities for children, young people and families to explore and learn about the wild outdoors. Facilities include a discovery room, 55 acre woodland and residential facilities. For further information contact Anna Herrievan, 0300 123 0750 AnHerrie@rspca.org.uk www.rspca.org.uk

School grounds for wildlife and children main topics include habitat mapping, as well as sessions based around animals groups such as birds or invertebrates. Working with school to develop grounds for wildlife and children, help with curriculum development and provider of teacher training. Sessions aimed at KS1-3. Contact Stephen Savage 01273 424339 stevep.savage@ntlworld.com <http://urbanwildlifejottings.blogspot.com/>

Sea Watch Foundation main topic, One World One Ocean - The Adventures of Ed the Bear; a cross curriculum project including science, geography, literacy, art, sustainability, IT and citizenship. This travelling bear investigates global issues and celebrates marine wildlife both local and global. Ed visits schools to share his adventures and experiences

including how we can all help the ocean. Participation can also take place remotely. Sessions aimed at KS1-2. Contact Stephen Savage, 01273 424339, stevep.savage@ntlworld.com <http://adventuresofedthebear.blogspot.com/>

Shoreham Beach Local Nature Reserve topics include "Our Dynamic Coastline", based on science and coastal geography with optional maritime history. Sessions also investigate threats to coastal habitats. There are opportunities to explore the rare vegetated single habitat and the wildlife it supports. Exciting outreach sessions available for schools that are unable to visit seashore. Sessions available for KS1-4. Facilities variable. Contact Stephen Savage, Education coordinator, 01273 424339 <http://www.fosbeach.com/>

The South Downs National Park provides wonderful opportunities for Learning Outside the Classroom. With its spectacular and diverse landscape, rich cultural heritage, range of habitats and rare wildlife, there is something for everyone to explore, learn about and be inspired. For more information see www.southdowns.gov.uk/learning or contact learning@southdowns.gov.uk

Sussex Wildlife Trust provides environmental education and services to school across the whole County. Centres for visits, nursery/foundation, KS1-4, colleges, universities and teacher training at Woods Mill (Henfield), Seven Sisters Country Park (Seaford) and Ashdown Forest (Forest Row). Wide range of topics covering science, ecology, geography, history, tourism, with special programmes for literacy and numeracy in the natural environment. Forest School delivery to schools and training for leaders and assistants to accredited OCN Level 3 or 2. Outreach environmental visits to schools; school grounds advisory service for wildlife and learning; CPD for learning outside the classroom. Charges vary, please see website <http://www.sussexwt.org.uk/> and click on Education or ring Filma Dyer on 01273 497561 to book visits.

West Sussex County Council offers outdoor fieldwork at Buchan Country Park, which has 69 hectares of woodland, wetland, heathland and grassland, an orienteering course, "wild garden" and countryside centre. Education services include school and college visits, community groups, forest schools workshops and personal development workshops for teacher and other leaders. For further information contact Philip Haskell, Countryside Education Officer 01293 542088, buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk or visit the website www.westsussex.gov.uk/buchanpark

Wildfowl and Wetland Trust offers a range of learning programmes for students of all ages. Curriculum linked sessions are led by specialist teachers who can tailor sessions to the requirements of your students; promoting learning through scientific enquiry, practical thinking and structured debate. For further information contact Claire Drew, Learning Manager 01903 881524

Please contact us if your organisation provides an environmental education activity you think should be included on this list.